

City of Reading City Council
Special Meeting
Wednesday, October 3, 2012

President of Council Francis Acosta called the meeting to order. He announced that the purpose of this meeting is to introduce the 2013 General Fund and Capital Budget Ordinances and supporting ordinances.

ATTENDANCE

Councilor Acosta, District 1
Councilor Goodman-Hinnershitz, District 2
Councilor Sterner, District 3
Councilor Marmarou, District 4
Councilor Reed, District 5
Councilor Waltman, District 6
City Solicitor Younger
City Clerk Kelleher
Managing Director C. Snyder
City Auditor D. Cituk
Adm. Services Director M. Bembenick
Controller C. Zale
CD Director L. Agudo
Mayor V. Spencer

AGENDA

Councilor Reed moved, seconded by Councilor Corcoran, to approve the agenda for this meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Council President Acosta stated that no one was registered to address Council this evening.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

- A. Ordinance** – 2013 General Fund Budget
- B. Ordinance** – 2013 Capital Budget
- C. Ordinance** – 2013 Position Ordinance
- D. Ordinance** – 2013 Real Estate Taxes
- E. Ordinance** – 2013 Earned Income Taxes

Council President Acosta questioned if the summary provided in the Mayor's Budget Message could constitute the budget to be introduced. Councilor Waltman reviewed the Charter and expressed the belief that the summary can be accepted for introduction.

Councilor Goodman-Hinnershitz questioned if the summary can be considered the 2013 Budget. Councilor Reed noted that in all other years Council received the complete budget with the line item detail when the budget was introduced. She noted the need for the budget detail to be in hand so the review process can begin.

Councilor Waltman suggested accepting the summary if the Administration can provide the detail within a reasonable time period.

Managing Director Snyder stated that the detail is incomplete due to the significant changes in the pension payment, and the cost of self insurance and health insurance. She stated that on Monday, Departments were instructed to use their 2012 budget figures and reduce their total allocation by 5%. She stated that she is comfortable with the revenue presented and that the expenditures will be drafted to be balanced with the revenues.

Councilor Reed moved, seconded by Councilor Waltman, to accept the budget summary for introduction as long as the detail is received by Saturday, October 6th. The motion was approved unanimously.

City Clerk Kelleher explained that the tax ordinances need to be introduced no later than October 22th so that they can be enacted with the Budget.

Councilor Acosta moved, seconded by Councilor Reed, to adjourn the regular meeting of Council.

Respectfully submitted by Linda A. Kelleher CMC, City Clerk